

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2006

Present: Truro Board of Selectmen, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan.

Mr. Gaechter convened the session at 6:45 p.m.

**Town Counsel increase in fees:** Ms. Nolan reported that she received a letter from Edward E. Veara informing the town that they would be raising their rates from the current \$85.00 per hour to \$120.00.

The rate has not been increased for 10 years. She told the BOS that the only problem she has with this, is that legal counsel was not budgeted at this rate. She feels they are very good, and have a great response time, which is so important. She went on to say that Sarah Turano Flores is very knowledgeable. She doesn't suggest that the BOS look around now.

Mr. Gaechter said he was surprised that they came out with this now, right after the new fiscal year has begun. Ms. Nolan told the BOS that she could handle the increase by either asking the fall STM for more money, or go to the FinCom and ask for a transfer from available funds, such as Beach or Golf Receipts Reserved. Mr. Lucy speculated that the Planning Board may not need to consult with Town Counsel so much since Ms. Greenhalgh is a planner. Ms. Nolan said that she and Tom Wingard had discussed that questions should not go to him first, but to Ms. Greenhalgh, as planner.

Mr. Gaechter thought that Zisson and Veara used a retainer method, and the hourly rate only kicked in once a certain level was reached. Ms. Nolan was directed to find out for sure. **Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize the increase as received from Zisson and Veara. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Roll Call Vote: Lucy, aye; Hartman, aye; Gaechter, aye; Palmer, aye; Worthington, aye. 5-0, unanimous.**

A motion was made to adjourn.

**Roll Call Vote: Lucy, aye; Hartman, aye; Gaechter, aye; Palmer, aye; Worthington, aye. 5-0, unanimous.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

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Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

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Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

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Curtis Hartman

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Janet W. Worthington  
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